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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT

VOTE

PRIMARY ELECTION – SEPTEMBER 12

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 7

BLOOMINGTON CITIZENS WILL HAVE THE opportunity to exercise their right to vote for candidates seeking election to federal, state, and county offices this fall. Prior to Election Day, voters should verify their polling location. *See page 6.*



BEST IN COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS CAPTURE FIRST-PLACE AWARDS

THE CITY BROUGHT HOME TWO FIRST-place Awards of Excellence from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) Northern Lights Awards.

The *Briefing* won in the category of external newsletters. Judges were impressed with the *Briefing's* mix of in-depth informational articles and resident features. The City's internal newsletter, *Insider*, won for its appealing design, focus on employees and emphasis on customer service.

The Northern Lights Awards recognizes the best in government communications. MAGC members represent federal, state, regional, county and local government, as well as school districts, universities and colleges, nonprofit organizations and agencies serving these organizations.

CREEKSIDE OPEN HOUSE

LEARN ABOUT SAFETY

JOIN THE FUN AT THE 4TH ANNUAL Safety Festival and Creekside Open House on **Saturday, August, 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at 9801 Penn Ave. S.



AN ALL-AMERICAN BIRD

BALD EAGLES FLY HIGH IN BLOOMINGTON

RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR TO SPOT A NATIONAL TREASURE. THE AMERICAN Bald Eagle has nested in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge almost every year since 1989.

This season the refuge is home to eight nesting bald eagles who usually return to the same nests year after year. Their large nests are easy to identify – some reach 10 feet across and weigh 2,000 pounds.

Facing extinction a few decades ago, the bald eagle population is on the rise thanks to protections such as its listing as a U.S. Endangered Species, habitat improvement and the banning of the pesticide DDT that contaminated its food source. Currently, there are an estimated 7,066 nesting pairs of bald eagles in the United States and around 700 nesting pairs in Minnesota.

Catch a glimpse of soaring eagles around Old Cedar Avenue or check out the nest visible from the refuge's Visitor Center, 3815 American Blvd. E. Natural history, cultural and wildlife tours are provided on Tuesdays through the end of October. For more information, call 952-858-0740.



Photo credit: Scott W. Sharkey

BLOOMINGTON'S FUTURE

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

By Mayor Gene Winstead

IN A RECENT SURVEY PUBLISHED BY *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, the Twin Cities metropolitan area ranked second in a list of the 50 Smart Places to Live in the United States. Readers ranked cities according to reasonable home prices, access to quality health care, education options, strength of the local economy and cost of living.

Kiplinger's top ranking confirms what many of us already know – Bloomington, one of the key communities in the metropolitan area, is a great place to live. Our community enjoys top-quality schools, excellent financial strength, convenient access to transportation amenities including the airport and light rail, 9,000 acres of parks and open space, and property taxes that are among the lowest in the metropolitan area.

For continued success, it is important to consider how we will meet future challenges that include an aging population, different housing needs, traffic congestion and increasing energy costs. The City Council, City staff and strategic partners have been identifying trends that will impact Bloomington in the next 20 years.

To address these trends, a preliminary vision is being developed that will position the community to take advantage of opportunities, ensuring the brightest future for Bloomington. The vision will be presented to the community in a series of town hall meetings in September and early October. *See sidebar at right.* The community will be able to take an active role in refining the preliminary vision. Residents will also have an opportunity to participate in an online survey on the City's Web site in the next few months.

I look forward to hearing your ideas. Your input is key to Bloomington's future and will help our community achieve its long-term vision.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Have a say in what Bloomington will look like in the next 20 years. A series of town hall meetings will be held this fall to discuss and gather community input on Bloomington's future.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Oak Grove middle School
Auditorium, 1300 W. 106th St.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Olson Middle School Auditorium,
4551 W. 102nd St.

Thursday, Oct. 5 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Northwestern Health Sciences
University, 2501 W. 84th St.

Thursday, Oct. 12 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Valley View Middle School
Auditorium, 8900 Portland Ave. S.

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EAST BUSH LAKE ROAD TRAIL

COMPLETION SCHEDULED WITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS



PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY TRAIL improvements along East Bush Lake Road from 106th to 84th Street are more than 90 percent complete. The trail is open between 105th Street and Highwood Drive. Construction in the segment along East Bush Lake Road between Highwood Drive and Forest Glen Trail is scheduled for completion by the end of summer.

Construction of the final trail connection from Forest Glen Trail to Chalet Road will be completed during the East Bush Lake Road, 84th Street and Chalet Road Intersection Reconstruction Project. Intersection improvements will



begin in late fall with the majority of work scheduled for summer 2007. Trail connection to 84th Street at Chalet Road will begin when intersection improvements are completed to avoid any removal of recently installed trail sections. For more information, call 952-563-4914 or 952-563-4865.

SHARING THE ROAD SAFELY WITH BICYCLISTS

FOLLOW THESE EIGHT RULES OF THE ROAD

BICYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BICYCLE SAFETY. Motorist behaviors, such as inattention and distraction, attribute to about one-half of all bicycle-motor vehicle collisions. The other half is attributed to bicyclist behaviors, such as disregarding a traffic control sign or signal. The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the State Bicycle Advisory Committee present eight rules of the road that can make bicycling more safe and enjoyable for everyone.

- 1

According to Minnesota law, bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- 2

When riding on the road, bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- 3

Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- 4

Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists do.
- 5

Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- 6

Bicyclists should signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.



- 7

Lights and reflectors are required at night.
- 8

Bicyclists should always wear helmets.

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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I'M HERE FOR YOU ROUND THE CLOCK.

If only the water faucet could talk. It might remind us how often we turn to it for safe water to drink, wash clothes, prepare food and maintain the quality of life we enjoy. It might remind us that the water pipes below our streets make so many everyday conveniences possible.

Our water bills pay to keep our community tap water safe, reliable and there for us – 24/7 – without fail. For more information about what your tap water delivers, call 952-563-4905 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Water treatment.

SAFE FROM THE FAUCET

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION

THE FIRST OBLIGATION OF ANY MUNICIPAL water system is to provide water that is safe for consumption. In a world where an estimated three million people die every year from preventable waterborne disease, water systems in North America allow us to drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety.

- A safe water supply is critical to protecting public health. Without our modern water systems, diseases such as cholera and dysentery would be part of everyday life.
- Water standards in the United States are among the most stringent in the world. Water utilities monitor for more than 100 contaminants and must meet close to 90 regulations for water safety and quality.

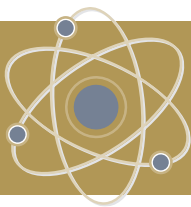
- Bloomington's water supplies are tested every day. Tap water undergoes far more frequent testing than bottled water.
- Small amounts of fluoride are added to Bloomington's water supply to help prevent tooth decay. Child cavity rates have been reduced by 20 - 40 percent where fluoridation has been implemented.

This is the first in a four-part series on how Only Tap Water Delivers. On tap next issue: fire protection.

Presented in cooperation with
 American Water Works Association

Cool Again: American Rambler

Once out of fashion, now a collector’s item



RAMBLER, TRADITIONAL, RANCH AND contemporary are some names used to describe housing that swept the nation after World War II. Quicker and less expensive to build for the flood of returning GIs, and well suited to postwar optimism about the future, ramblers seemed to sprout up overnight. More than 12,000 ramblers were built in Bloomington, approximately half of the city’s housing stock.

With roots in the 1850s adobe ranchos of the West, ramblers are often simple rectangular or L- or U-shaped houses. Architectural features include flat, gable, hipped or butterfly roofs; an open floor plan; wood frame construction and large windows that bring in abundant light. Many ramblers were built with traditional details, such as hardwood floors, double-hung windows and simple moldings.

LEARN MORE ABOUT RAMBLERS



Michelle Gringeri-Brown and Jim Brown formerly lived in Edina in a postwar rambler.

They publish *Atomic Ranch*, a quarterly magazine devoted to mid-century homes. For information, visit www.atomic-ranch.com.

Materials were modern – aluminum windows, laminate surfacing, and basements or slabs. But much like Victorians and bungalows before them, ramblers fell out of favor. During the past 20 years they have been dismissed as boring and something to be remodeled or razed.

Now a new generation is discovering the great qualities of these homes, along with baby boomers who may have grown up in them and are rediscovering their livable and lovable characteristics.

Craig Kellman and Christine Griswold live in a 1956 split-level rambler. The living room has a flagstone fireplace wall, oak floors and built-in lighting soffits that might make another homeowner think of furnishing with overstuffed traditional pieces and area rugs. This young couple had other ideas. They furnished the living room with vintage items: a bright orange couch and two Danish modern chairs from a mid-century store and several Heywood-Wakefield tables from a local flea market.

The couple found the house cloaked in salmon-color paint and floral wallpaper, and in need of asbestos abatement and new plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems. The 2,600-square-foot house has two bedrooms



and a bath at the top of a short flight of stairs, with the master bedroom and another bath a few steps above that. The former built-in carport was annexed by previous owners as a fourth bedroom and is now an office for Kellman, an animator.

“There was a focus on the future in so much of the art and architecture of that period,” Kellman says about the 1950s Disneyland posters and vintage toys he collects. “It was really optimistic and hopeful. I think there’s a similar comforting nostalgia when I look at good mid-century animation and good mid-century architecture.”



Bloomington has many styles of ramblers. This is one example.

Have you remodeled your rambler? If you would like to be featured in this series on ramblers in Bloomington, call Diann Kirby at 952-563-8818 or e-mail dkirby@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

Up to Code

Rental Property in Bloomington

TWO PERCENT OF ALL SINGLE-FAMILY homes in Bloomington are rented. To avoid nuisances to adjoining property owners, the City licenses and inspects rental properties annually to ensure that buildings and grounds are maintained.

Property owners play an important role in keeping rental properties up to code. Responsibilities include:

- All rental property must be licensed annually. The property owner must complete an application and pay an annual fee of \$78.50.
- A single-family dwelling cannot be rented to more than four unrelated

individuals, more than one family (persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, including foster children) or more than two roomers if the dwelling is owner-occupied.

- The number of vehicles parked at a home is limited to the number of people with driver’s licenses plus one.
- Waste, debris and refuse must be kept in an enclosed container no more than five feet in front of the dwelling. Refuse and recycling must be removed from the property weekly.
- Excessive noise is considered a public nuisance and prohibited under the City’s noise ordinance.

- Grass and weeds must be cut before they reach one foot high.
- Dwellings operated as group homes with four or more persons are regulated under state and county laws. The City conducts exterior inspections of these properties.

For more information, call Environmental Health Program Coordinator Mark Stangenes at 952-563-8980.

For information on the Bloomington Rental Collaborative for rental property owners, call Kathy Warren at 952-563-8942.

Improving Water Quality and Clarity

Aquatic Vegetation in Normandale Lake

BLOOMINGTON’S LAKES AND PONDS ARE a source of pride and beauty for the entire community. The City has practices and policies to improve water quality and preserve beneficial uses of wetlands including recreation and wildlife habitat.

An exotic floating plant, curly leaf pondweed, has proliferated in Normandale Lake at 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard. The plant covers the open water in early spring; it dies and decays in mid-summer, creating ideal conditions for algae blooms.

One way to control curly leaf pondweed is to apply herbicides to all or nearly all of the water body. However, City permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) restrict the use of herbicides to less than 15 percent of the lake’s surface. As a result, Normandale Lake is often covered by a green mat of weeds or algae.

The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District has prepared a report to determine appropriate measures that will meet water quality goals and improve the recreational use of Normandale Lake. The District, City and ACOE are reevaluating the conditions of the permit and exploring other options for improving the lake’s water quality. The District, City, ACOE and DNR intend to identify measures that will control excess weed and algae growth.

For more information, call Jeff Luedeman at 952-563-8977.

Shoreline Buffer Zones

A Natural Environment Improves Water Quality



The primary cause of increased aquatic weed growth is excess nutrient flow into wetlands. Reducing this flow is an effective way to improve overall water quality. Where feasible, the City maintains 10- to 20-foot strips of unmown vegetation along the shorelines of lakes and ponds. These buffer strips filter storm water runoff, capturing nutrients and other pollutants before they enter the water. A natural environment around wetlands provides a habitat for wildlife and the deep root mats of plants stabilize the shoreline and reduce erosion.

EXPIRED OR UNNEEDED
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
DON'T DUMP THEM DOWN THE
DRAIN OR TOILET

TRADITIONALLY, EXPIRED OR unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications have been flushed down the toilet or drain. Although this method of disposal prevents immediate accidental ingestion, it can pollute wastewater, causing adverse effects to fish and other aquatic wildlife.

The U.S. Geologic Survey has confirmed the presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has compiled information on potential environmental impacts. Studies are also being conducted on the potential harmful effect to human health.

PLACING MEDICATIONS IN THE TRASH IS
THE PREFERRED DISPOSAL METHOD

Follow these tips:

- Keep pharmaceuticals in their original container since labels may contain safety



information. Remove your name from the label for privacy concerns.

- To discourage unintended use, add a small amount of water to solid drugs or absorbent material, such as kitty litter, sawdust or flour, to liquid drugs.



containers from breaking and to hinder others from taking medication from the trash.

- Work with your health care provider on proper disposal of chemotherapy drugs that may require special handling.

For information, see “Medicines” under the A - Z How-To-Get-Rid-Of-It Guide at www.hennepin.us.

Sources: Hennepin County and Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...

EARTH ACTION HERO
COMPANIES TO CLASSROOMS

WHILE USING A PAIR OF BROKEN SCISSORS at her daughter's elementary school, Cary Weatherby wondered if she could do something to help with the school's lack of supplies. The answer came in a phone call from her husband's work assistant. There were thousands of file stickers the company was going to toss and she wanted to know if the school's kindergarten teacher could use them. The teacher was thrilled.

Companies to Classrooms, a non-profit organization located near the intersection of France Avenue and Old Shakopee Road, provides free educational supplies to Bloomington teachers from companies that no longer need them.

“It's a win-win concept,” Weatherby said. “Rather than paying to haul them to the landfill, companies have a convenient, cost-effective way to recycle



excess or outdated supplies, and teachers love it.”

Teachers spend a lot of their own money trying to supply classrooms and students, who are in need of assistance, with materials. Indian Mounds first grade teacher Jessica Wagener said the store has a variety of items, some of which would never have fit into her budget.

“My class wanted a book binding machine, but it was close to \$1,000,” Wagener said. “I picked up one here for free. We probably never would have bought it.”

Beth Daly, also an Indian Mounds teacher, had her class write thank-you letters to businesses.

“We wanted to get the word out that the items were greatly appreciated and that their donations don't go unnoticed,” she said.

Open since last March, Weatherby said she is hoping to distribute \$100,000 worth of items in the first year. So far,

Indian Mounds first grade teachers Beth Daly and Jessica Wagener shop for supplies.



\$40,000 in supplies to teachers has gone out the door.

Companies to Classrooms relies on volunteers and donated equipment to operate. For more information, call 952-888-7708.



BLOOMINGTON CARES ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

PLANTING THE SEEDS
WHILE ENHANCING CAMPUS, STUDENTS LEARN TO RESPECT NATURE



“Benches and birdhouses installed around the pond create a lovely environment for people of all ages to enjoy.”

According to Olson Elementary Principal Timothy Case, the kids were excited to get their hands dirty.

“The kids worked hard and it was a great opportunity for them to learn about respecting and appreciating our natural environment,” Case said. “It was really neat to see all of the organizations come together for this event.”

A PARTNERSHIP BLOOMED LAST MAY AS teachers, parents, Toro Company, Minnesota Valley Country Club, Tree Trust, the City of Bloomington and around 950 elementary and middle school students took on a project to enhance their community. The project included restoration of a chip path, installation of benches, landscaping, and planting trees and shrubs at various locations around Olson School along 102nd Street and Johnson Road.

Part of a two-year plan to improve the Olson campus, the project also makes the area more inviting to the neighborhood.

“An existing walking trail around the wetland was extended to public property,” Toro's Judson Tharin said.

TAKE THE BUS OR
TRAIN TO IKEA
RECEIVE FREE HOME DELIVERY



IKEA WANTS TO HELP CONTROL THE amount of CO2 emissions in the atmosphere. Help reduce this greenhouse gas by getting on board – mass transit, that is. From August 1 - 31, visit IKEA (across from the Mall of America) by bus or light-rail train. As a thank you, IKEA will provide free home delivery on same-day purchases to addresses within 30 miles of the store. There is a 25-piece limit and proof of mass-transit ridership is required. Details can be found at the home delivery desk at IKEA.

CONCERNED ABOUT
YOUR CHILD’S
DEVELOPMENT?
SHIELD CAN HELP



EVERY CHILD DEVELOPS AT HIS OR HER own pace, yet there are particular skills, such as walking and talking, that are expected by a certain age. If a baby or child hasn’t reached a skill or developmental milestone by that age, it might signal that help or early intervention is needed.

Children who are developmentally delayed and receive services early do better in school. They also have a better chance to live up to their full potential.

If you have concerns about how your child is seeing, hearing, moving, eating, talking, playing, learning or behaving, or if a child has a medical diagnosis affecting development, contact South Hennepin Interagency Early Learning and Development (SHIELD) that can find and coordinate services for your child. SHIELD is a free service for families in Bloomington, Edina, Eden Prairie and Richfield. For more information, call 952-563-8900 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: SHIELD. If your child is over age three, call your local school district’s early learning program.

CELEBRATE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
VISIT YOUR FIRE STATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY



NEW!
Public Safety Training
Facility Open House
7525 Braemar Blvd., Edina.
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

STATION NO.	ADDRESS	STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 West 95th St.	4	4201 W. 84th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. S.	5	10540 Bush Lake Road
3	2050 E. 86th St.	6	8601 Lakeview Road

THE CITY’S SIX FIRE STATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY CELEBRATE National Fire Prevention Week with an open house on **Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Firefighters, Police and Public Works staff will be on hand, along with a variety of activities, demonstrations and tours. Free t-shirts and temporary tattoos will be available for kids. For more information, call 952-563-4801.

FREE CELL PHONES TO ACCESS 911
OLDER ADULTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ELIGIBLE

BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS, WHO DO NOT OWN CELL PHONES AND ARE AGES 55 OR older or have disabilities or medical conditions, are eligible to register for free cell phones refurbished to access 911 emergency services exclusively. Cell phones will be distributed on **Saturday, September 23, at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.**, at Creekside, 9801 Penn Ave. S. A monthly service fee is not needed to access 911. Individuals who receive cell phones must attend a brief orientation on distribution day. The program is sponsored by Human Services and Qwest Communications.



CELL PHONE DONATIONS NEEDED

If you’d like to donate a cell phone with a wall charger that was purchased within the last five years, drop it off at Creekside. Volunteers with Qwest Pioneers will clear the phones of personal data and reprogram them to access 911. Donated phones will be distributed to older adults and individuals with disabilities or medical conditions.

CREEKSIDE
COMMUNITY CENTER

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER IS located at 9801 Penn Ave. S. For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

CARDS, CLUBS, CRAFTS AND
COMPUTERS
JOIN IN THE FUN



The Bloomington Senior Program offers an array of programs and services, including card clubs, crafts, billiards, woodshop, computer classes, lapidary, food programs, volunteer opportunities and a boutique. Attend a “Get Acquainted with Creekside” gathering on **Wednesday, September 6, 10 - 11 a.m.**, to learn more about the many programs, activities and opportunities offered for seniors at Creekside.

FURNITURE REFERRALS
GET WHAT YOU NEED



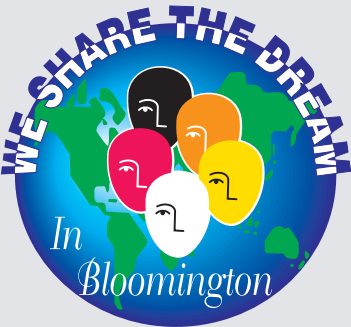
Lower-income families who are in need of basic furniture may be eligible to receive these items through the nonprofit organization Bridging, Inc. Those with limited furniture due to a fire or domestic abuse situation may also be eligible. For more information, call Human Services Program Coordinator Alissa Smith at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY
RESOURCES
FAMILINK CAN HELP

Human Services FamiLink provides information related to housing, financial assistance, health insurance, legal services, childcare and food resources for people who live, work or attend school in Bloomington. For more information or to request a community resource catalog, call 952-563-4957 V/TTY or visit Creekside. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TAKE A HIKE
FALL WALKING CLUB

The Fall Walking Club will meet **Tuesdays, September 5 - 26, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, for hikes at a variety of Twin Cities’ locations, including Como Park and Harriet Island. Cost is \$33. For more information, call 952-563-4949.



HONOR LEADERSHIP
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

THE BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS Commission is seeking nominations for the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award. The Commission will honor an individual or organization (business, volunteer group or religious group) that has demonstrated leadership in promoting human rights in our city. The award recipient will be publicly recognized and receive a plaque. The deadline for Omar Bonderud Award nominations is September 15. To receive a nominee application, call 952-563-8733, TTY 952-563-8740.

BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

HIGHWAY 100 AND WEST 78TH STREET IN 1956



Minnesota Historical Society

FIFTY YEARS AGO, THE INTERSECTION OF WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN AS NORMANDALE Road and West 78th Street consisted of two stoplights surrounded by open fields. Today the signals are gone, replaced by a bridge at 78th Street over the southern terminus of Highway 100. The open fields are gone, too, developed by businesses and hotels such as the Sheraton and Hotel Sofitel.

2006 PRIMARY ELECTION

MARK SEPTEMBER 12 ON YOUR CALENDAR

THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006. POLLS will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p. m. For information regarding voter eligibility, voter registration, absentee ballots and to view sample ballots, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Voting, or call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729.

VOTING ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS

NEW TOOL TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2006

Congress passed Federal legislation requiring that all polling places be equipped with a voter-assist terminal designed to provide voters with disabilities the opportunity to vote independently and privately. Beginning with the 2006 elections, voter-assist terminals will be available in all Bloomington polling places.

The State of Minnesota has certified the AutoMARK, an “electronic pen,” to assist voters who have disabilities in marking the optical scan paper ballot.

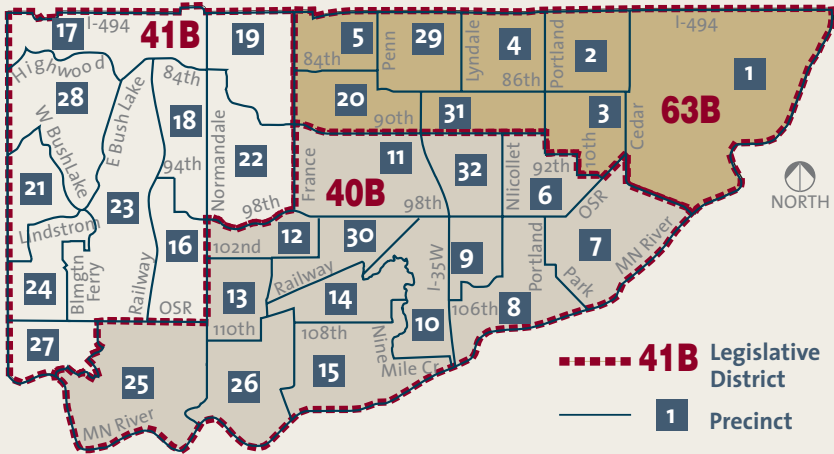
AutoMARK provides the opportunity to review and verify selections. When directed by the user, the device fills the ovals on the ballot. The ballot is then inserted into the ballot counter used by all voters in the precinct.

The voting process remains the same for voters who do not need the assistance of the AutoMARK.

If you need voting assistance at the polling places, ask the election judges for help. All polling places are accessible with clearly marked doors and parking spaces.

For further information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 952-563-8729.

BLOOMINGTON POLLING PLACES



Precinct/Polling location	Address
1 MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge	3815 East 80th St.
2 Portland Avenue Methodist Church	8000 Portland Ave. S.
3 Cedar Valley Church	8600 Bloomington Ave.
4 Emmaus Lutheran Church	8443 2nd Ave. S.
5 Southtown Baptist Church	2600 W. 82nd St.
6 Bloomington Lutheran Church	9350 Portland Ave. S.
7 Indian Mounds Elementary School	9801 - 11th Ave. S.
8 Riverside Reformed Church	10201 Nicollet Ave. S.
9 Nativity of Mary School	9901 E. Bloomington Freeway
10 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church	1701 W. Old Shakopee Road
11 Bloomington Christian Church	9000 W. Bloomington Freeway
12 Crosspoint Church	9801 France Ave. S.
13 Hubert Olson Elementary School	4501 W. 102nd St.
14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church	3601 W. Old Shakopee Road
15 Westwood Elementary School	3701 W. 108th St.
16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church	9920 Normandale Boulevard S.
17 Peace Lutheran Church	8600 E. Bush Lake Road
18 The Church of St. Edward’s	9401 Nesbitt Ave. S.
19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church	8400 France Ave. S.
20 Washburn Elementary School	8401 Xerxes Ave. S.
21 Sunrise Park Shelter	9401 Bloomington Ferry Road
22 Normandale Hills Elementary School	9501 Toledo Ave. S.
23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church	10701 Bloomington Ferry Road
24 Bloomington Lutheran School	10600 Bloomington Ferry Road
25 Bethany Missionary Church	6900 Auto Club Road
26 Southwood Center	4901 W. 112th St.
27 Bethany Missionary Gymnasium	6900 Auto Club Road
28 Bloomington Fire Station #6	8601 Lakeview Road
29 Christ the King Lutheran Church	8600 Fremont Ave. S.
30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church	2200 W. Old Shakopee Road
31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church	901 E. 90th St. (Social Hall)
32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church	9431 Nicollet Ave. S.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

LOCATED IN BLOOMINGTON CIVIC PLAZA AT THE CORNER OF WEST 98TH STREET AND Old Shakopee Road, the Center for the Arts is a first-class facility housing eight arts organizations. For facility information, call 952-563-8889. For exhibit information and events, call 952-563-8567 or visit the City’s Web site, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Calendar. For more arts events, *see page 8*.

EXHIBITIONS

BLOOMINGTON ART CENTER (BAC)

952-563-8587

INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY

Rocket Man, featuring artist Ky Michaelson’s rocket-powered constructions, runs **through September 8**. Lecture and presentation is Thursday, August 24, 7 - 9 p.m.

The **43rd Annual Sumi-e Society of America – International Juried Exhibition**, featuring the best current East Asian brush paintings and calligraphy, runs **September 14 - October 20**. Artists’ reception is Friday, September 16, 6 - 9 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS

Monday - Friday	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

ATRIUM GALLERY

Northern View, featuring the pastel paintings of Minnesota’s north woods and lakes by artist Rita Beyer Corrigan, runs **through September 1**.

Abstract Aerials, vibrant abstract oil paintings by artist Shawn McNulty, runs **September 7 - November 3**.

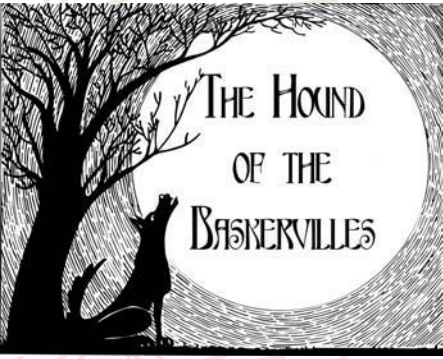


“Ancient One,” pastel by Rita Beyer Corrigan

SCHNEIDER THEATER



This irreverent musical satire of big business tackles the aggressively compliant “company man,” the boss’ whiny, nepotistic nephew, the office party, backstabbing co-workers, caffeine addiction and true love. Performances are **August 18 - September 10**. For tickets, call 952-563-8575 or visit www.bloomingtoncivictheater.org.



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are asked to solve an unusual crime: a mysterious death apparently caused by a family curse. The performance is **September 28 - October 15, Thursday - Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 adults; \$12 seniors/ students, \$12 adults/groups of 12 or more. For more information, call 952-563-8587.

BLACK BOX THEATER

FOR TICKETS, CALL 952-563-8587 OR VISIT WWW.BLOOMINGTONARTCENTER.COM.

SEASONS

A fusion of poetry, music and dance will be performed **Friday - Saturday, September 8 - 9, 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$15 adults; \$12 seniors/students, \$12 adults/ groups of 12 or more. For more information, call 952-563-8587.

BAC 30TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

The Bloomington Art Center Open House features teacher demonstrations, refreshments and a 20 percent discount off of non-member class registrations on **Saturday, September 9, 2 - 4 p.m.**

CLASSES

CONTINENTAL BALLET COMPANY

Continental Ballet Company offers daily studio classes for the very young, elementary school-age students, teenagers and adults. For more information, call 952-563-8562.



Notable Singers, a women’s show choir, is holding auditions for new members. For more information, call 952-831-1662 or 952-881-4072.



BLOOMINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL

GET IN THE GROOVE

THE BLOOMINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL, YOUR ticket to some of the best jazz in the Twin Cities, heats up on **Sunday, August 13**, at Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Road.

The **Jack Brass Band**, *photo left*, embraces the traditions of New Orleans jazz, while adding old-time blues, rock, hip-hop, pop, funk and reggae.

Red Wolfe’s Ellington Echoes Memorial Band, directed by Percy Hughes, performs Duke Ellington big band compositions in a small ensemble.

The **Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band** has been entertaining crowds of thousands with great Dixieland tunes since 1967.

The **JazzMN Big Band**, featuring the finest jazz musicians in the Twin Cities region, is one of Minnesota’s best-known groups.

Parking is available in the ramps across 84th Street or to the east on Chalet Road. The event is free. For more information, call 952-563-8877.

CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT 952-563-8877 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES.



SUMMER FETE

BEST COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

READERS OF *BLOOMINGTON MAGAZINE* voted Summer Fete the “Best Community Get-Together” in the magazine’s Best of Bloomington issue. Summer Fete, the annual Independence Day celebration, marked its 28th year in July and attracts more than 40,000 people each year.



Bloomington Magazine editor Angela Scholl presents Parks and Recreation’s Mark Morrison with the Best of Bloomington award.

YOUTH SPORTS

AR&LE

THE ADAPTIVE RECREATION & LEARNING Exchange (AR&LE) provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield to participate in recreational and educational programs that are specially designed to meet varied ability levels. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SALUTES VOLUNTEERS

EACH YEAR, BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC Association inducts one or more persons into the Sports Hall of Fame. The award honors men and women who have contributed their time and energy to the growth of amateur sports.

When: Thursday, October 12.
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 W. 79th St.

For more information, call Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880.

RIVER RENDEZVOUS

A STEP BACK IN TIME

JOIN THE FUN AT POND-DAKOTA MISSION Park, 401 E. 104th St., on **Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Walk through 200 years of history where costumed reenactors portray the life and times of those who took part in the development of Minnesota and the American West. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Rendezvous.



ADULT SPORTS

FALL TENNIS LESSONS

When: *Sessions I and II to be announced.*
Time: Call Parks and Recreation for details.
Where: Northwest Athletic Club, 1001 W. 98th St.
Cost: \$60.

WOMEN’S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUES ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH Friday beginning Monday, October 16, and continuing through mid-March. Cost is \$460 resident and \$515 nonresident. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

WELL ABOVE PAR

GOLF COURSES RUN BY PGA PROFESSIONALS

IT TOOK SIX YEARS INTENSELY STUDYING 38 different aspects of golf for Hyland Greens Assistant Manager Ali Hassan to be certified as a PGA golf professional, *photo right*. Hassan said he had books open all over his house and would sometimes get up in the middle of the night to study.

“Had I studied this hard in college,” Hassan joked, “I could’ve been a doctor or NASA scientist.”

There are only 342 PGA members in Minnesota and the City’s municipal golf

courses boast two. Dwan Golf Manager Rick Sitek, *photo below*, a PGA golf professional for 25 years, said PGA course-work ranges from how golf shoes are made to how golf carts work to course management. His knowledge of the game not only enhances service to customers, but also improves the course. Sitek strives to make Dwan the best-maintained public course in the Twin Cities.

“I work closely with Golf Course Superintendent Mike Hoffman on all aspects of course maintenance to assure our customers of a good experience and the best playing conditions,” Sitek said.

Sitek was also Hassan’s mentor during his apprenticeship.

“Ali only began playing golf 16 years ago,” Sitek said. “His commitment to learn and teach the game is unbelievable.”

Hassan looks at golf differently now that he is a PGA member. His professional tips keep golfers coming back.



“Playing golf is not as important as helping others improve and enjoy their game,” he said. “That’s what it’s all about.”

About 105,000 users visit Hyland Greens, 102nd Street and Normandale Boulevard, and Dwan Golf Club, 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue, each season. Dwan, the City’s regulation course, is the busiest 18-hole golf course in the state.



THANK YOU!

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Nearly \$7,000 was contributed by 350 donors.





Isn't It Romantic? A Salute to Richard Rogers and Other Broadway Legends

A delightful evening of showstoppers, heart-warmers and comedy classics features Carolyn Pratt, soprano, Joy Scheib, mezzo-soprano, Michael Schmidt, baritone and Charles Kemper, piano, on Saturday, September 16.



Percy Hughes and the Ellington Echoes Echoes of a Friend, Remembering Red Wolfe

Ellington Echoes performs classic Duke Ellington Big Band compositions. The concert is a memorial to Red Wolfe, founder of Ellington Echoes, on Sunday, September 17. Cosponsored by the Twin Cities Jazz Society .



Bloomington Choral

Christmas Around the World

The Choral will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah and international carols on Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17.

Spring Concert

The concert features Fauré's Requiem and American folk music, including some 20th century classics on Saturday, June 2, 2007, and Sunday, June 3, 2007.

Concert Series 2006 - 2007

From Broadway to Bluegrass and Classical to Choral, the Bloomington Center for the Arts 2006 – 2007 concert series will be music to your ears. All performances are held in the Schneider Theater located in Bloomington Civic Plaza at the corner of 98th Street and West Old Shakopee Road. Accessibility: The Schneider Theater and Center for the Arts are wheelchair accessible. Assisted listening devices are available.

				Ticket price:	
Day	Date	Time	Concert	Adult (A)	Senior/ Student(S)
2006					
SA	Sep 16	7:30 p.m.	Isn't it Romantic?	\$19	\$16
SU	Sep 17	2 p.m.	Percy Hughes and the Ellington Echoes	\$19	\$16
M	Nov 20	7:30 p.m.	Medalist Concert Band	\$10	\$8
SA	Dec 16	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington Chorale, Christmas Around the World	\$12	\$8
SU	Dec 17	3 p.m.	Bloomington Chorale, Christmas Around the World	\$12	\$8
2007					
SA	Jan 7	2 p.m.	A Family Affair!	\$19	\$16
SA	Jan 14	2 p.m.	Christine Rosholt, My Shining Hour	\$19	\$16
M	Feb 12	7:30 p.m.	Medalist Concert Band	\$10	\$8
SA	Apr 14	7:30 p.m.	Monroe Crossing	\$19	\$16
M	May 21	7:30 p.m.	Medalist Concert Band	\$10	\$8
SA	Jun 2	7:30 p.m.	Bloomington Choral, Spring Concert	\$12	\$8
SU	Jun 3	3 p.m.	Bloomington Chorale, Spring Concert	\$12	\$8

Medalist Concert Band with Conductor Jerry Luckhardt

The British are coming! Come hear British standards, including Holst's "Second Suite," Grainger's "Molly on the Shore" and Pryor's "The Blue Bells of Scotland", on Monday, November 20.



Footlifters!

American marches by Henry Fillmore and Karl King and fiery Armenian and Latin favorites will be performed on Monday, February 12, 2007.

Hands Across the Sea

A worldwide musical tour de force with visits to Italy, Ireland, Russia and Japan will be performed on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Three Easy Ways to Order Tickets

- 1 Fill out the form below and mail with payment to address below.
- 2 Call the Bloomington Civic Theatre Box Office at 952-563-8575.
- 3 Visit our Web site at www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org.

All seats are reserved. Orders received less than seven days prior to the performance will be held for pick up at the box office. No tickets will be held without full payment in advance. Programs and artists are subject to change.



A Family Affair! String Ensemble Performance

Kari Jane Docter, cellist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Kirsten Docter, violist with the Cavani String Quartet and Bruno Eicher, violinist and assistant concert master of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, perform Saturday, January 7, 2007.



Christine Rosholt My Shining Hour: The Music of Harold Arlen

Vocalists Christine Rosholt, Connie Olson and Bruce A. Henry join Rick Carlson, piano, Keith Boyles, bass and Jay Epstein, drums, to present the music of Harold Arlen on Sunday, January 14, 2007. Arlen wrote many classics including "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" and the songs from the Wizard of Oz. Cosponsored by the Twin Cities Jazz Society.



Monroe Crossing Bluegrass and Gospel Quintet

Enjoy classic and traditional bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Concert Series Package

Create a Series and Save up to 25%

Order tickets for three or more concerts and save \$2 per ticket. Discount can be applied to adult and senior/student tickets. For each concert, fill in the concert title, date, type of ticket (Adult = A, Senior /Student = S), price per ticket type and quantity. For three or more concerts, apply the discount after the subtotal.

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ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

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				TOTAL	\$ _____

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Mail form and payment to: BCT Box Office, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN 55431